

SENATE BILL 363

By Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9;
Title 13, Chapter 23, Part 1; Title 13, Chapter 20,
Part 1 and Section 67-4-409, relative to assistance
for persons of low income.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-23-115, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately numbered item:

(35) From revenues allocated pursuant to Section 2 of this act, make grants for the specific purpose of supplementing existing programs of any municipal, county or regional housing authority that provide affordable housing for persons of low income or that provide assistance for the homeless.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-409, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(o) AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESS ASSISTANCE FUND.

(1) One cent (1¢) of the tax levied by subsection (a) shall, subject to the annual appropriations act, be credited to a special agency account in the state general fund known as the affordable housing and homeless assistance fund.

(2) The executive director of the Tennessee housing development agency shall, subject to approval by the agency's board of directors, expend the funds that are deposited in the affordable housing and homeless assistance fund for the sole purpose of making competitive grants to supplement and enhance existing local programs of municipal, county or regional housing authorities to provide affordable housing for persons of low income or provide assistance for the homeless.

(3) Fifty percent (50%) of the funds allocated each year by such grants shall be utilized to supplement and enhance existing local programs to provide affordable housing for persons of low income; and fifty percent (50%) of the funds allocated each year by such grants shall be utilized to supplement and enhance local programs to provide assistance for the homeless.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.